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# WHOLESALE PRICE LIST

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# GRAPE VINES,

## FRUIT TREES, &C.

SPRING OF 1881.

T. S. HUBBARD, • • Fredonia, N. Y.

| GRAPE VINES. | NET TRADE PRICES. One Year No. 1. | | Two Years No. 1. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Per 100 $ | Per 1000 $ | Per 100 $ | Per 1000 $ |
| Concord, Clinton, Isabella, Taylor | 3 | 20 | 4 | 30 |
| Ives | 3 | 25 | 4 | 35 |
| Hartford, Diana | 3 | 25 | 5 | 45 |
| Iona, Creveling, Alvey | 4 | 30 | 6 | 55 |
| Catawba, Marion, Nor. Muscadine, Nor. Carolina | 5 | 40 | 6 | 50 |
| Elvira, Talman or Champion, Perkins, Janesville | 5 | 45 | 7 | 65 |
| Seneca, Black Hawk, Elsinburg, Lindley (Rog. 9) | 5 | 45 | 7 | 65 |
| Merrimac(Rog.19.)Agawam(Rog 15.)Wilder(Rog 4) | 7 | 65 | 10 | 90 |
| Massasoit (Rog. 3) Salem, Goethe (Rog. 1) | 7 | 50 | 10 | 90 |
| Martha, Cottage, Allen's, Israella, Mary Ann | 6 | 55 | 12 | 110 |
| Rebecca, Maxatawney, Rentz, Winslow | 7 | 60 | 12 | 100 |
| ToKalon, Challenge, Conqueror, Rulander | 8 | 70 | 12 | 100 |
| Wordens, Rogers' No's 2, 5, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 39, 43, 44 | 8 | 70 | 10 | 90 |
| Telegraph, Herbemont, Rogers No's 7, 8, 13, 24, 33, 41 | 9 | 80 | 14 | 120 |
| Delaware, Nortons, Eumelan, Adirondac | 11 | 100 | 16 | 150 |
| Brighton, Irving, Arnolds No's 1, 2, 5, 16 | 10 | 90 | 17 | 160 |
| Herman, Miles, Black Eagle, Senasqua | 16 | 150 | 25 | 220 |
| Lady, Louisiana | 20 | 180 | 27 | 250 |
| Croton, Cynthiana, Montgomery | 22 | 200 | 35 | 300 |
| Moore's Early, Florence, Black Defiance | 30 | 250 | 60 | 500 |
| Walter, Eva, Concord, Chasselas, Concord Muscat | 35 | 300 | 50 | 450 |
| Wyoming Red, Black Pearl, Dracut Amber, Noah | 45 | 400 | 75 | 700 |
| Una, New Haven, Amber, Beauty, Pearl, | 100 | | | |
| **Prentiss**, new, white, best quality, early, Duchess | 150 | | 200 | |
| Lady Washington, Jefferson | 250 | | | |

2 yr. No. 1½ vines of most kinds one-half between price of 2 yr. No. 1, and 1 yr. No. 1.

Three year vines, heavy, of most kinds one-half additional to price of two year.

No. 2, ONE YEAR OLD vines, two-thirds the rate of No. 1, one year old.

Of Grape Vines, $25 worth or over, (of different varieties if desired) at 1000 rates: $10 to $25 worth at 100 rates. BOX AND PACKING FREE.

Our vines are all in cellars and can be sent safely at any time by freight, by double casing, which we will do at extra charge of 50c. per 1000 1 yr., and $1.00 per 1000 2 yr.

After March 1st to 10th we can ship by freight safely without double casing.

# GENERAL NURSERY STOCK.

| | Per 100 | Per 1000 |
|---|---|---|
| APPLES—Standard, 5 to 6 feet, 1st class, 3 yr | $8 00 | $ 70 00 |
| 4 to 6 feet, 2d class, 3 yr | 6 00 | 50 00 |
| PEARS—Standards, 5 to 6 feet, 1st class | 28 00 | 250 00 |
| 4 to 5 feet, 2d class | 22 00 | 200 00 |
| BLACKBERRIES—Kittatinny, Wilson | 2 00 | 15 00 |
| Snyder | 3 00 | 20 00 |
| RASPBERRIES—Doolittle's, Mammoth Cluster, Philadelphia, Turner | 1 20 | 10 00 |
| Highland Hardy, Bristol | 75 | 4 00 |
| Naomi, Franconia, Herstine | 1 50 | |
| Thwack, Gregg, Cuthbert | 3 00 | |
| STRAWBERRIES—Wilson's, Chas. Downing (per 10,000, $18,) | 50 | 2 00 |
| Capt. Jack (per 10,000, $16,) | 50 | 1 80 |
| Col. Cheney, Crescent Seedling (per 10,000, $17,) | 50 | 1 80 |
| Monarch of West, Kentucky, Agriculturist, Duncan | 75 | 4 00 |
| Sharpless | 1 00 | 8 00 |
| Boydens 30, Pres. Wilder, DeGand, Cumb. Triumph | 75 | 4 00 |
| Black Defiance, Prouty's Seedling, Sterling | 1 00 | 5 00 |
| Forest Rose, Black Defiance | 1 00 | 6 00 |
| Strawberries tied in bundles of 50 and roots nicely straightened. | | |
| CURRANTS—White Dutch, White Grape, 1 yr | 4 00 | 30 00 |
| " " " " 2 yr | 6 00 | 50 00 |
| Cherry, Versailles, Black Naples, 1 yr | 4 00 | 35 00 |
| " " " " 2 yr | 6 00 | 50 00 |

Trees, Currants and Berries, 50 or over of a kind at 100 rates, 500 or over at 1000 rates.

# TO THE TRADE.

The propagation of GRAPE VINES is our specialty. Fifteen years experience in this line has developed for us an immense trade, now embracing nearly all the Nurserymen and dealers in the country; to whom we refer those not acquainted with our vines.

The natural advantages of our soil, climate and location, with by far the largest stock in America, give us facilities for supplying Vines of extra quality, and yet at lower prices than most growers who produce a much inferior article.

Our vines are grown in open ground, mostly from 6 inch cuttings; are of superior quality and sorted up to eastern standard.

Unless instructed to the contrary, we reserve the right to fill orders for No. 1, 1 year vines with two year vines of the same size.

Located within three miles of Dunkirk, which is at the junction of the Lake Shore and Erie Railways, we have unusual facilities for shipping to the East, West, South and Southwest. Street cars connecting with all day and evening trains on L. S. & M. S. R. R. at Dunkirk, go directly past our office and cellars.

We warrant our vines true to name and of the quality represented. Our packing is done in the most thorough manner, so as to insure safe carriage for long distances.

TERMS CASH.—If to be shipped collect on delivery, one-fourth the amount of the bill to be remitted with the order, or satisfactory reference given by unknown correspondents. When shipped in this way return charges on the money will in all cases be added to the bill. All exchange and express charges on money must be paid by purchaser. Note at bank for 30 or 60 days will be accepted from dealers who furnish us satisfactory bank references. For any bills not settled by June 1st, we will draw at sight, without notification. Interest charged on all bills over due. Customers will please not remit by individual check unless 25 cts. is added to all checks less than $50, for cost of collection.

# THE PRENTISS.

## THE NEW WHITE GRAPE.



[Branch 21 in., Wgt 7 lbs. Exhibited at Am. Pom. Society, Rochester, Sept. 1879. From photo. by G. W. Godfrey, Roch., N. Y.]

**Description.**—Bunch large, not often shouldered, compact. Berry medium to large, yellowish green, sometimes with a rosy tint on side next to sun; skin thin but very firm. Flesh tender, sweet, melting, juicy, with a very pleasant and musky aroma; free from foxiness; little if any pulp; seeds few and small; very similar to Rebecca in quality but vine a vigorous grower, and foliage very distinct from Rebecca. Foliage healthy, thick, resembling Diana or Isabella, showing its native origin. Vine a good grower and very productive, inclined to overbear, and clusters should be thinned unless pruned close; vine hardy, and buds uninjured with thermometer 15 to 20° below zero. The grape is an excellent keeper. Ripens with Concord. The fruit has sold in New York markets for the past four years, wholesale, in quantities of 500 to 1000 lbs., at 15 @ 20 cents per lb., when Concords were selling at 4 @ 6 cents and Delawares 6 @ 9 cents.

**THE PRENTISS IS UNDER OUR EXCLUSIVE CONTROL.**

*PRICES, for Spring and Fall 1881.*

BY MAIL POST PAID.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *3 year,* | *1st class,* | *each,* | $3.00. |
| *2 year,* | *1st class,* | " | 2.00. |
| *1 year,* | *1st class,* | " | 1.50. |

Agents and Dealers who wish to sell the Prentiss will please write for further information and terms to

**T. S. HUBBARD, Fredonia, N. Y**

# The New White Grape---PRENTISS.

This celebrated grape is now for the first time offered to the public. Having tested it thoroughly and watched its behavior for several years, we recommend it as a hardy white grape of best quality, good grower, very productive, and as free from disease as any of the grapes of good quality. Being a pure native seedling it is not subject to disease as are many of the grapes of best quality which were produced by crossing native with foreign varieties. We do not, however, expect it will succeed *everywhere*, nor do we claim it to be a grape that will succeed over as wide as range of territory as the Concord, but we recommend it for planting in ordinarily good grape regions and by those who want something that is really *good*. We recommend it as a

## Very Profitable Market Grape

for good grape localities, in fact the most profitable of any grape we know. Two hundred and fifty vines on about one-third of an acre in 1879 netted Mr. Prentiss nearly three hundred dollars at wholesale in the New York markets, notwithstanding the abundant crop and low prices of the year. The year previous to this, (1878), there was no variety on the shore of Crooked or Keuka Lake that produced as heavy crop as did the Prentiss. The past year it bore a heavy crop and we used nearly all of the fruit, paying Mr. Prentiss 14 cents per lb. net. Those he sent to New York paid him still better. The grape seems to possess the ability to carry through these heavy crops and yet be in condition to give equally large yield succeeding years, which can be said of very few of our finer varieties. While we do not recommend *extensive planting* of Prentiss (nor any other grape) in localities where it has not been tested, yet we think those who plant a few vines for testing where Concord or Delaware ripens will not regret the money they expend nor the start they get, and we confidently expect a large demand for this variety after it has been thoroughly tested in other localities as it already has where it originated. To show the value at which it is esteemed where it is best known, we now have on our books an order for two thousand vines of Prentiss (notwithstanding the high price) from a nurseryman and grape grower (J. O. Rupert) who lives within a mile of the original vineyard, and who has watched it for ten years past. The early ripening and yet good keeping qualities (we know no grape that keeps better) is a combination that scarcely any other profitable market grape possesses.

## HISTORY.

The PRENTISS is one selected from a large number of seedlings started by J. W. Prentiss of Pultney, Steuben Co., N. Y., from seed of Isabella, over fifteen years ago, and is a PURE NATIVE SEEDLING with no taint of foreign blood. The original vine did not fruit for several years and received but little attention, growing for years in the grass on the side of a ravine. It first fruited sparingly but gradually improved until it began to attract attention and was transplanted and given better cultivation. It continued to improve and Mr. Prentiss began to propagate and plant additional vines, until for three or four years past he has had in full bearing about two hundred vines. For eight or nine years those that were of sufficient age have not failed to bear and ripen a heavy crop, however severe the winter or unfavorable the season. The foliage has proven as healthy as Catawba, Isabella or Diana, resembling the latter; is thick, leathery and has never shown any mildew or leaf-blight in the original vineyard. The fruit has no tendency to rot. It bore a heavy crop the season following the cold winter several years since when the thermometer showed twenty degrees below zero, and canes were on a trellis with no protection.

# TESTIMONIALS.

Newburg, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1878.

Dear Sir —The Prentiss grapes were received in good condition. So far as I can judge from the specimen bunches, it is the best pure native white grape I have eaten.

Very respectfully, CHARLES DOWNING.

Newburg, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1879.

The Prentiss is one of the best, if not the best, of the pure native white grapes Judging from what I know of it I think it will prove valuable both for market and home use, yet more experience is necessary to decide fully as to all its merits.

CHARLES DOWNING.

85 Barclay St., New York, Dec. 1879.

When we received enough of the Prentiss grape so we could establish our customers with it, we held the price at 15c per lb. and maintained this price through the season.

C. N. WIXOM, Com. Mcht.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1878.

Dear Sir —Your sample Prentiss rec'd. I saw this grape four years ago and was much pleased with it, and have wondered why it has not been heard from. It is a handsome white grape of fine quality. Will no doubt rank among our best native grapes.

Truly yours, P. BARRY, Pres. West. N. Y. Hort. Soc'ty.

Ridgewood, N. J., Oct. 10, 1878.

The specimen of Prentiss grape received in good order. It is a most excellent variety—in fact I consider it the *best white pure native* grape I have ever seen. Had you not sent specimen of leaves for my examination I should have doubted your claim that it was a pure native grape, as it has the tenderness of pulp seen in some of the Hybrids

A. S. FULLER, author of "The Grape Culturist."

Boston, Mass., Oct. 7, 1878.

My Dear Sir—I am much pleased with the Prentiss grape. It is excellent, and I think will prove one of the best acquisitions to our white American grapes that we have ever had. It is rich and its Frontignan flavor, which few varieties possess, renders it still more desirable as a delicate fruit. M. P. WILDER, Pres. Am. Pomological Soc'ty.

Salem, Mass., Oct. 8, 1878.

Dear Sirs—Sample Prentiss grape rec'd in good order. I agree with you that the quality is excellent. It is sweet and has but little pulp, with a delicate flavor resembling that of the Frontignan grape. The very compact bunches and thick skin would enable it to bear carriage well. As far as could be judged from the specimen sent, the leaf is thick and firm, of a character to be little affected by mildew. ROB'T MANNING, Sec. Am. Pom. Soc'ty.

The following is an extract from a report of a visit by George Husman, author of "Husman's Grapes and Wine," to the young Prentiss vineyard at Fredonia and the original vineyard of Prentiss at Pultney, N. Y., published in Colman's Rural World Oct. 15, 1879:

On Monday morning we left Rochester for Fredonia, to see the vineyards and orchards around there, and passed a very interesting time with friend Hubbard, who was kind enough to be our guide He has perhaps the largest grape vine nursery in the country, comprising about 30 acres. He offers for sale this season about 700,000 one-year-old vines, 550,000 two-year-old, and 10,000 layers, and orders were coming in so rapidly that he thinks his stock of many of the leading varieties will be exhausted before spring.

Mr. Hubbard has quite a vineyard started of the Florence and Prentiss, the first a peculiar grower, with short joints and curly leaves. We only saw a few of the berries, as it is said to ripen ten days at least before the Hartford. It makes a short, small bunch, quality tolerable, and is said to be immensely productive. Its earliness may make it valuable. The original vine bore 200 pounds, trained over an arbor, and all sold at 12½ cents per pound. The Prentiss, which we saw bearing afterward with its originator, Mr. Prentiss, on Crooked Lake, resembles Rebecca very much, but is a very strong grower and very productive. We saw vines of it bearing 30 pounds, with abundance of growth. The fruit carries well to market, and on account of its fine appearance and good quality sells readily at 15 to 16c per pound in New York. The foliage is good, though perhaps not quite as good as Concord, and if it should prove generally successful, will be a great acquisition for market.

We saw a vine which, at a rough estimation, had 15 to 20 pounds of fruit, enough to kill almost any vine, yet the bunches were all perfect, and it had made an abundant and very strong growth of young wood. Whoever has seen the Rebecca in perfection can have a good idea of the Prentiss; it resembles that variety very much in color, taste and size of bunch and berry, though it is a very strong grower, with heart-shaped leaves, which are larger, thicker and heavier than those of the Rebecca, which are just the contrary, with deeply lobed leaves, It looks very transparent and tempting, and its tough skin carries it to market in the very best condition. It is very sweet and pleasant, without foxiness, but not sprightly, as it contains hardly any acid. As Mr. Prentiss readily obtains 15 to 16c per pound for it in New York, it is exceedingly profitable, which the Rebecca never was.

GEO. HUSMAN

Hammondsport, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1878.

Box Prentiss grapes received. I have shown it to several grape growers, and all, as myself, pronounced it the finest white grape they ever saw. The foliage seems to be perfect. Yours truly, D. BAUDER, Sec'ty Pleasant Valley Wine Co.

Bluffton, Mo., Sept. 3, 1878.

Dear Sirs—I received the box of Prentiss grapes. I will unhesitatingly say that they are the finest white out door grape that has yet come under my notice SAM'L MILLER, Originator of the Martha grape.

Milton, Wis, Jan. 11, 1879.

Dear Sirs—We have to-day eaten the last of the two bunches of grapes you sent us in October last and must say we have found it first and last of superior quality. It shows excellent keeping qualities. J. C. PLUMB.

Pultney, N. Y, March 24, 1880.

Dear Sirs —After observing the hardiness and habits of the Prentiss for eight years, I can recommend it for general vineyard culture as a most desirable variety. I do not believe there is a white grape yet produced that is its equal in all the requisites that go to make up a perfect grape. It has withstood 18 or 20 degrees below zero uninjured, bearing a heavy crop the following year It is an abundant bearer, a good grower, and has healthy, good foliage. The fruit resembles Rebecca, but under same cultivation is much larger berry and bunch. The fruit ripens about with the Delaware. I have seen the fruit kept in perfect condition until mid-winter in an ordinary cellar. In 1878 no variety, whether red or black, on our lake bore as heavy crop as the Prentiss, yet last year it bore a very heavy crop. Yours truly, J. O. RUPERT.

Cinnaminson, N. J., Oct 7, 1878.

Box Prentiss received in fine condition. Beautiful to look at, excellent in quality, medium size white berries, closely set and adhere firmly. Having carried so well by mail they must prove good shippers. The leaves were perfect and indicate a healthy, vigorous vine. WM. PARRY.

Westchester, Pa., Sept. 27, 1878.

Dear Sirs—The specimens sent me present some excellent qualities. The foliage is all that one could desire, showing in a marked manner its native origin—thick, firm and leathery. The bunches are handsome, of fair size, and arrived in perfect condition They will carry to market in first class condition, I judge, owing to the firm skin. Flesh not unpleasantly tough, sweet, juicy and of agreeable flavor. Yours truly, JOSIAH HOOPES.

Brenham, Texas, Oct. 9, 1879.

Sample Prentiss was quarantined several days but came in fine order. It is the best white grape I have yet seen and must have a good sale. Very respectfully, WM. WATSON.

Pultney, N. Y., March, 1880.

Dear Sirs —Your terms for the Prentiss rec'd. I enclose the agreement signed. You may enter my order for two thousand one year No 1 vines, at your rates in your circular. I have so much confidence in this grape, the original vineyard of which is within a mile of me, that I give you this order thus early in order to make sure of the vines.

Yours truly, J. O. RUPERT.

## Testimonials as to growth, health, &c.

Hapeville, Ga., Aug. 31, 1880.

The Prentiss vine you sent Saml. Hape last spring has grown about 15 feet and is doing splendidly thus far. HAPE & BUTCHER.

Geneseo, N. Y, Aug. 20, 1880.

The Prentiss grape vine you sent me last spring has grown 13½ ft. of wood up to this date. The foliage has uniformly been healthy. The wood is now ripening well.

REV. R. A. WATERBURY.

Dorchester, Mass., Sept. 4, 188 .

The little 1 year Prentiss vine you sent me last spring has grown finely and is now six feet high, promising to fruit next year. M. P. WILDER.

Portland, Maine. Feb 11, 1881.

Dear Sir—The vine of the Prentiss has done first-rate; grew about eight feet last summer and made twice the growth of any vine I put out last spring. NATHAN WOOD.

Geneseo, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1881.

The Prentiss vine was set late in May; began growth late, but grew steadily and vigorously making 15 feet growth in all,—(one cane of 12 feet and one cane of 3 feet.) Foliage was entirely healthful until in Sept., when it mildewed slightly, as did nearly or quite a hundred varieties on my grounds. PROF. R. A. WATERBURY.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 13, 1881.

The Prentiss vine you sent me for testing made a growth of about 2½ ft. last summer. The leaf seemed to be healthy and it looks promising. * * * GEORGE HUSMAN.

Vine Valley, N. Y, Feb. 9, 1881.

My Prentiss vine made a satisfactory growth considering the unusually protracted drouth of last season. The foliage was healthy,—all that could be desired. F. A. HIXON.

# TESTIMONIALS.

The following are a few of the many unsolicited expressions of satisfaction we have received from our customers in different parts of the country:

Newburgh, N. Y., Oct. 21, 1879.

The package grape vines rec'd yesterday in good condition, and were very satisfactory. Many thanks for your promptness. CHAS. DOWNING.

Denver, Colorado, April 4, 1880.

The vines came in first rate condition and please me much, being large, with good unmutilated roots. The rate to this point was $1 per 100 lbs. less than from Missouri.
WILSON PERRIN.

Ogden, Utah, April 9, 1880.

Grape vines came all right. Think them extra large for one year
VAN DORN & ABBOTT.

Montrose, Iowa, April 19, 1880.

Vines came O. K. Fine stock. Thanks for prompt shipment and excellent stock.
CROUSE BROS.

Brighton, Mass., May 15, 1880.

We send check for bill of vines, which were entirely satisfactory. W. C. STRONG.

Boston, Mass., March 19, 1880.

Believing I can rely with certainty on your correctness as to varieties, I enclose the following order. M. P. WILDER.

Westchester, Pa.

T. S. Hubbard—Dear Sir—The last of the vines arrived yesterday, and we find them all right and satisfactory. They are generally very fine. HOOPES BRO'S & THOMAS.

Rock Falls, Ill., April 11, 1879.

Dear Sir—I have rec'd 10,000 strawberries from you. Also grapes, etc., and they are so much superior in quality of plants and manner of putting up to the 10,000 I had from N. J. that they are really worth twice the price of that lot. G. WRIGHT.

Palmyra, N. Y., Dec. 5.

Vines have all given satisfaction to ourselves and customers so far as heard from.
A. M. PURDY & CO.

Geneva, N. Y., Nov., 1877.

T. S. Hubbard—Your vines received and are entirely satisfactory. W. & T. SMITH.

Wauwatoosa, Wis., Nov. 21, 1877.

Grapes received last Saturday and satisfactory. STICKNEY & BAUMBACH.

Ridgewood, N. J., Nov., 1877.

Vines received in good order. They are fine vines and cheap enough for even a chronic grumbler. A. S. FULLER.

Reno, Nevada, April 23, 1879.

Grapes and strawberries arrived to-day in splendid condition, the first lot that ever arrived in liveable condition. UBER & MARSH.

Skalkaho, Montana, March 3, 1880.

The grape vines arrived by last mail in good order, after traveling 3,000 miles and being nearly three weeks in mail bag W. B. HARLAN.

Marengo, Ill., May 7, 1879.

The stock arrived in good shape, and gave the best satisfaction.
ROGERS, GILKERSON & PRESCOTT.

Chambersburg, Pa., May 5, 1879.

Dear Sir—The grapes I got of you this spring were without exception the finest I ever saw.
Very truly yours, WM. B. REED.

Sivas, Turkey in Asia, April 14, 1879.

Dear Brother—Of all the bulbs, cuttings, raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries, currants and grape vines you sent me last winter there is not one but that is doing nicely. Although they were three months on their eight thousand miles journey, they turned out here in splendid order. REV. A. W. HUBBARD.

Johnsville, N. Y., Oct., 1878.

The 3000 Concords I ordered of you last spring I considered the finest and strongest rooted collection of vines I ever saw, and I will hereafter take pleasure in referring friends to you as the finest propagator of my acquaintance. Respectfully, J. B. WALDO.

Lewiston, April 19, 1879.

The vines are very satisfactory, in fact the best I ever saw for 1 year olds. JNO. L. HAM.

Edmonton, Ky., June 17, 1878.

T. S. Hubbard—Dear Sir—The grape vines purchased of you last spring came in fine order and are doing well. Many of them planted April 5th have grown over two feet. Many thanks for the satisfactory manner in which you filled my order. W. O, NEWMAN.

Denver, Col., 12-22-'76.

Sir—The grape vines at hand in good order. Appear as fresh as if just taken from the ground. WILSON PERRIN.

Yarmouthport, Mass., Dec. 13, 1876.

I received the vines in good season, and am perfectly satisfied with them. They are the best ones I ever bought. THOS. AREY.

Dukedom, Ky., Jan. 20, 1876.

Dear Sir—The box of vines came Dec. 25, frozen solid; I buried them in earth until a warm spell, when I opened and found them in excellent condition. They are double the size and half the price of vines I have bought before. R S. FOY.

Monroe, Mich., March 10, 1877.

T. S. Hubbard—Dear Sir—The box of grape vines came to hand yesterday and we are much pleased with them. I. E. ILGENFRITZ & CO.

Lawrence, Mass.. Sept. 22, 1879.

The last of 6,100 Crescent came in good shape. All the plants have been entirely satisfac- factory. Could not be any better, G. S. ARMSTRONG.

Denver, Colorado, Sept. 30, 1879.

The strawberry plants arrived in excellent order. If that is the way you put up all of your plants you deserve all the praise you get. C. HUNTINGTON.

Geneva, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1879.

The vines seem in good order and are prime quality—good enough for any one.
F. M. CLARK.

Coal Creek, Ia., May 23, 1879.

Dear Sir—Your vines arrived in due season. They are the finest I have ever handled, well packed and in splendid condition. Respectfully, A. COOPER.

Middlefield, Conn., April 14, 1879.

Vines arrived in apparent good condition, and we are well pleased with them.
P. M. AUGUR & SONS.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.

The vines which you sent gave satisfaction. FRANKLIN DAVIS & CO.

Salem, Oregon, Dec. 15, 1878.

The vines came to hand to-day in good condition. They were nearly two months on the way. O. DICKINSON.

Quincy, Ill., March 18, 1879.

T. S. Hubbard—Dear Sir—Vines received in excellent order. Accept thanks for your promptness. I will know where to order hereafter. T. S. HARKINS, Manager.

Muncie, Ind., Nov. 29, 1877

T. S. Hubbard—Dear Sir—The vines came safely and in excellent condition. The roots are the finest I ever saw. S HATHAWAY.

Mansfield, O., May 8, 1878.

Dear Sir—I write you thanking you for the quality of your plants I have handled thousands of plants the last ten years, and never before received any that gave as good satisfaction. Yours respectfully, ADAM MOORE

Middle Bass, O., Dec. 28, 1880.

Dear Sir—The 3500 vines (Catawba, Delaware and Concord,) sent me last spring gave entire satisfaction. They were the best that ever came on the Island. There are not over 20 out of 3500 that did not grow. J. H BRADY.

Elgin. Ill., Oct. 24, 1879

Dear Sir—The vines arrived yesterday and were in good order, and the best lot I ever saw of that grade. Yours Respectfully, E. H. RICKER.

Davenport, Iowa, April 27, 1877.

T. S. Hubbard—Dear Sir—The grape vines are here and opened. They are the best vines I ever saw. I have bought two and three year old vines that were not so good as these one year olds. W. O. KULP.

Albany. Ga., March 11, 1879.

T. S. Hubbard—My anxiety proved to be needless. Though on the road five weeks they arrived in excellent condition, better than others which were only a day or two on the way.
C. J. DANIELS.

Manchester, N. H., May 22, 1878.

Dear Sir— * * * Your one year Concords were the finest I ever saw, equal to common two year olds. You must have some great secret of success in producing such fine vines
JON. C. PRINCE.

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## The New White Grape.



[Branch 20 in., W'g't 7 lbs. Exhibited at Am. Pom. Society, Rochester, Sept. 1879. From photo. by G. W. Godfrey, Roch., N. Y.]

**Description.**—Bunch large, not often shouldered, compact. Berry medium to large, yellowish green, sometimes with a rosy tint on side next to sun; skin thin but very firm. Flesh tender, sweet, melting, juicy, with a very pleasant and musky aroma; free from foxiness; little if any pulp; seeds few and small; very similar to Rebecca in quality but vine a vigorous grower, and foliage very distinct from Rebecca. Foliage healthy, thick, overbear, and clusters should be thinned unless pruned close; vine hardy, and buds uninjured with thermometer resembling Diana or Isabella, showing its native origin. Vine a good grower and very productive, inclined to 15 to 20° below zero. The grape is an excellent keeper. Ripens with Concord. The fruit has sold in New York markets for the past four years, wholesale, in quantities of 500 to 1000 lbs., at 15 @ 20 cents per lb., when Concords were selling at 4 @ 6 cents and Delawares 6 @9 cents.

**THE PRENTISS IS UNDER OUR EXCLUSIVE CONTROL.**

*PRICES, for Spring and Fall 1881.*

By Mail Post Paid.

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| **3 year,** | **1st class,** | **each,** | **$3.00.** |
| **2 year,** | **1st class,** | " | **2.00.** |
| **1 year,** | **1st class,** | " | **1.50.** |

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**T. S. HUBBARD, Fredonia, N. Y.**

# The New White Grape---PRENTISS.

This celebrated grape is now for the first time offered to the public. Having tested it thoroughly and watched its behavior for several years, we recommend it as a hardy white grape of best quality, good grower, very productive, and as free from disease as any of the grapes of good quality. Being a pure native seedling it is not subject to disease as are many of the grapes of best quality which were produced by crossing native with foreign varieties. We do not, however, expect it will succeed *everywhere*, nor do we claim it to be a grape that will succeed over as wide as range of territory as the Concord, but we recommend it for planting in ordinarily good grape regions and by those who want something that is really *good*. We recommend it as a

## Very Profitable Market Grape

for good grape localities, in fact the most profitable of any grape we know. Two hundred and fifty vines on about one-third of an acre in 1879 netted Mr. Prentiss nearly three hundred dollars at wholesale in the New York markets, notwithstanding the abundant crop and low prices of the year. The year previous to this, (1878), there was no variety on the shore of Crooked or Keuka Lake that produced as heavy crop as did the Prentiss. The past year it bore a heavy crop and we used nearly all of the fruit, paying Mr. Prentiss 14 cents per lb. net. Those he sent to New York paid him still better. The grape seems to possess the ability to carry through these heavy crops and yet be in condition to give equally large yield succeeding years, which can be said of very few of our finer varieties. While we do not recommend *extensive planting* of Prentiss (nor any other grape) in localities where it has not been tested, yet we think those who plant a few vines for testing where Concord or Delaware ripens will not regret the money they expend nor the start they get, and we confidently expect a large demand for this variety after it has been thoroughly tested in other localities as it already has where it originated. To show the value at which it is esteemed where it is best known, we now have on our books an order for two thousand vines of Prentiss (notwithstanding the high price) from a nurseryman and grape grower (J. O. Rupert) who lives within a mile of the original vineyard, and who has watched it for ten years past. The early ripening and yet good keeping qualities (we know no grape that keeps better) is a combination that scarcely any other profitable market grape possesses.

## HISTORY.

The PRENTISS is one selected from a large number of seedlings started by J. W. Prentiss of Pultney, Steuben Co., N. Y., from seed of Isabella, over fifteen years ago, and is a PURE NATIVE SEEDLING with no taint of foreign blood. The original vine did not fruit for several years and received but little attention, growing for years in the grass on the side of a ravine. It first fruited sparingly but gradually improved until it began to attract attention and was transplanted and given better cultivation. It continued to improve and Mr. Prentiss began to propagate and plant additional vines, until for three or four years past he has had in full bearing about two hundred vines. For eight or nine years those that were of sufficient age have not failed to bear and ripen a heavy crop, however severe the winter or unfavorable the season. The foliage has proven as healthy as Catawba, Isabella or Diana, resembling the latter; is thick, leathery and has never shown any mildew or leaf-blight in the original vineyard. The fruit has no tendency to rot. It bore a heavy crop the season following the cold winter several years since when the thermometer showed twenty degrees below zero, and canes were on a trellis with no protection.

# TESTIMONIALS.

Newburg, N. Y., Sept. 28. 1878.

Dear Sir —The Prentiss grapes were received in good condition. So far as I can judge from the specimen bunches, it is the best pure native white grape I have eaten.

Very respectfully, CHARLES DOWNING.

Newburg, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1879.

The Prentiss is one of the best, if not the best, of the pure native white grapes Judging from what I know of it I think it will prove valuable both for market and home use, yet more experience is necessary to decide fully as to all its merits.

CHARLES DOWNING.

85 Barclay St., New York, Dec. 1879.

When we received enough of the Prentiss grape so we could establish our customers with it, we held the price at 15c per lb. and maintained this price through the season.

C. N. WIXOM, Com. Mcht.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1878.

Dear Sir —Your sample Prentiss rec'd. I saw this grape four years ago and was much pleased with it, and have wondered why it has not been heard from. It is a handsome white grape of fine quality. Will no doubt rank among our best native grapes.

Truly yours, P. BARRY, Pres. West. N. Y. Hort. Soc'ty.

Ridgewood, N. J., Oct. 10, 1878.

The specimen of Prentiss grape received in good order. It is a most excellent variety—in fact I consider it the *best white pure native* grape I have ever seen. Had you not sent specimen of leaves for my examination I should have doubted your claim that it was a pure native grape, as it has the tenderness of pulp seen in some of the Hybrids

A. S. FULLER, author of "The Grape Culturist."

Boston, Mass., Oct. 7, 1878.

My Dear Sir—I am much pleased with the Prentiss grape. It is excellent, and I think will prove one of the best acquisitions to our white American grapes that we have ever had. It is rich and its Frontignan flavor, which few varieties possess, renders it still more desirable as a delicate fruit. M. P. WILDER, Pres. Am. Pomological Soc'ty.

Salem, Mass., Oct. 8, 1878.

Dear Sirs—Sample Prentiss grape rec'd in good order. I agree with you that the quality is excellent. It is sweet and has but little pulp, with a delicate flavor resembling that of the Frontignan grape. The very compact bunches and thick skin would enable it to bear carriage well. As far as could be judged from the specimen sent, the leaf is thick and firm, of a character to be little affected by mildew. ROB'T MANNING, Sec. Am. Pom. Soc'ty.

The following is an extract from a report of a visit by George Husman, author of "Husman's Grapes and Wine," to the young Prentiss vineyard at Fredonia and the original vineyard of Prentiss at Pultney, N. Y., published in Colman's Rural World Oct. 15, 1879 :

On Monday morning we left Rochester for Fredonia, to see the vineyards and orchards around there, and passed a very interesting time with friend Hubbard, who was kind enough to be our guide He has perhaps the largest grape vine nursery in the country, comprising about 30 acres. He offers for sale this season about 700,000 one-year-old vines, 550,000 two-year-old, and 10,000 layers, and orders were coming in so rapidly that he thinks his stock of many of the leading varieties will be exhausted before spring.

Mr. Hubbard has quite a vineyard started of the Florence and Prentiss, the first a peculiar grower, with short joints and curly leaves. We only saw a few of the berries, as it is said to ripen ten days at least before the Hartford. It makes a short, small bunch, quality tolerable, and is said to be immensely productive. Its earliness may make it valuable. The original vine bore 200 pounds, trained over an arbor, and all sold at 12½ cents per pound. The Prentiss, which we saw bearing afterward with its originator, Mr. Prentiss, on Crooked Lake, resembles Rebecca very much, but is a very strong grower and very productive. We saw vines of it bearing 30 pounds, with abundance of growth. The fruit carries well to market, and on account of its fine appearance and good quality sells readily at 15 to 16c per pound in New York. The foliage is good, though perhaps not quite as good as Concord, and if it should prove generally successful, will be a great acquisition for market.

We saw a vine which, at a rough estimation, had 15 to 20 pounds of fruit, enough to kill almost any vine, yet the bunches were all perfect, and it had made an abundant and very strong growth of young wood. Whoever has seen the Rebecca in perfection can have a good idea of the Prentiss; it resembles that variety very much in color, taste and size of bunch and berry, though it is a very strong grower, with heart-shaped leaves, which are larger, thicker and heavier than those of the Rebecca, which are just the contrary, with deeply lobed leaves, It looks very transparent and tempting, and its tough skin carries it to market in the very best condition. It is very sweet and pleasant, without foxiness, but not sprightly, as it contains hardly any acid. As Mr. Prentiss readily obtains 15 to 16c per pound for it in New York, it is exceedingly profitable, which the Rebecca never was.

GEO. HUSMAN

Hammondsport, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1878.

Box Prentiss grapes received. I have shown it to several grape growers, and all, as myself, pronounced it the finest white grape they ever saw. The foliage seems to be perfect. Yours truly, D. BAUDER, Sec'ty Pleasant Valley Wine Co.

Bluffton, Mo., Sept. 23, 1878.

Dear Sirs—I received the box of Prentiss grapes. I will unhesitatingly say that they are the finest white out door grape that has yet come under my notice. SAM'L MILLER, Originator of the Martha grape.

Milton, Wis., Jan. 11, 1879.

Dear Sirs—We have to-day eaten the last of the two bunches of grapes you sent us in October last and must say we have found it first and last of superior quality. It shows excellent keeping qualities. J. C. PLUMB.

Pultney, N, Y , March 24, 1880.

Dear Sirs —After observing the hardiness and habits of the Prentiss for eight years, I can recommend it for general vineyard culture as a most desirable variety. I do not believe there is a white grape yet produced that is its equal in all the requisites that go to make up a perfect grape. It has withstood 18 or 20 degrees below zero uninjured, bearing a heavy crop the following year. It is an abundant bearer, a good grower, and has healthy. good foliage. The fruit resembles Rebecca, but under same cultivation is much larger berry and bunch. The fruit ripens about with the Delaware. I have seen the fruit kept in perfect condition until mid-winter in an ordinary cellar. In 1878 no variety, whether red or black, on our lake bore as heavy crop as the Prentiss, yet last year it bore a very heavy crop. Yours truly, J. O. RUPERT.

Cinnaminson, N. J., Oct. 7, 1878.

Box Prentiss received in fine condition. Beautiful to look at, excellent in quality, medium size white berries, closely set and adhere firmly. Having carried so well by mail they must prove good shippers. The leaves were perfect and indicate a healthy, vigorous vine.
WM. PARRY.

Westchester, Pa., Sept. 27, 1878.

Dear Sirs—The specimens sent me present some excellent qualities. The foliage is all that one could desire, showing in a marked manner its native origin—thick, firm and leathery. The bunches are handsome, of fair size, and arrived in perfect condition. They will carry to market in first class condition, I judge, owing to the firm skin. Flesh not unpleasantly tough, sweet, juey and of agreeable flavor. Yours truly, JOSIAH HOOPES.

Brenham, Texas, Oct. 9, 1879.

Sample Prentiss was quarantined several days but came in fine order. It is the best white grape I have yet seen and must have a good sale. Very respectfully, WM. WATSON.

Pultney, N. Y., March, 1880.

Dear Sirs —Your terms for the Prentiss rec'd. I enclose the agreement signed. You may enter my order for two thousand one year No 1 vines, at your rates in your circular. I have so much confidence in this grape, the original vineyard of which is within a mile of me, that I give you this order thus early in order to make sure of the vines.
Yours truly, J. O. RUPERT.

## Testimonials as to growth, health, &c.

Hapeville, Ga., Aug. 31, 1880.

The Prentiss vine you sent Saml. Hape last spring has grown about 15 feet and is doing splendidly thus far. HAPE & BUTCHER.

Geneseo, N. Y , Aug. 20, 1880.

The Prentiss grape vine you sent me last spring has grown 13½ ft. of wood up to this date. The foliage has uniformly been healthy. The wood is now ripening well.
Rev. R. A. WATERBURY.

Dorchester, Mass., Sept. 4, 188 .

The little 1 year Prentiss vine you sent me last spring has grown finely and is now six feet high, promising to fruit next year. M. P. WILDER.

Portland, Maine. Feb. 11, 1881.

Dear Sir—The vine of the Prentiss has done first-rate: grew about eight feet last summer and made twice the growth of any vine I put out last spring. NATHAN WOOD.

Geneseo, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1881.

The Prentiss vine was set late in May; began growth late, but grew steadily and vigorously making 15 feet growth in all,—(one cane of 12 feet and one cane of 3 feet.) Foliage was entirely healthful until in Sept., when it mildewed slightly. as did nearly or quite a hundred varieties on my grounds. Prof. R. A. WATERBURY.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 13, 1881.

The Prentiss vine you sent me for testing made a growth of about 2½ ft. last summer. The leaf seemed to be healthy and it looks promising. * * * GEORGE HUSMAN.

Vine Valley, N. Y, Feb. 9, 1881..

My Prentiss vine made a satisfactory growth considering the unusually protracted drouth of last season. The foliage was healthy,—all that could be desired. F. A. HIXON.